

Amendment  
USSN 09/708,642

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application.

While it is submitted that all claims as originally filed fully comply with the requirements of 35 USC 112, and that all claims as originally filed were precise and grammatically accurate, the claims have been amended editorially to use alternative phraseology that will eliminate the points raised by the examiner.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

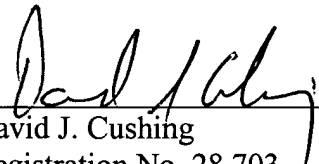
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